

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Arthritis is the leading cause of disability in our country. According to the 2007 Centers for Disease Control statistics, 156,000 South Dakota adults have diagnosed arthritis, 39 percent of those have some activity limitation, and 1/3 have work limitations due to their arthritis; and,

Whereas, The rate of 27 percent of adults in South Dakota diagnosed with arthritis is much higher than the national average of 20 percent; and,

Whereas, Arthritis includes 104 different distinct diseases. Babies and children can be diagnosed with some types of arthritis, and 1 in every 250 children have some form of arthritis; and,

Whereas, Smoking is a risk factor in developing inflammatory arthritis like rheumatoid arthritis and psoriatic arthritis, and obesity is a significant factor in developing osteoarthritis; and,

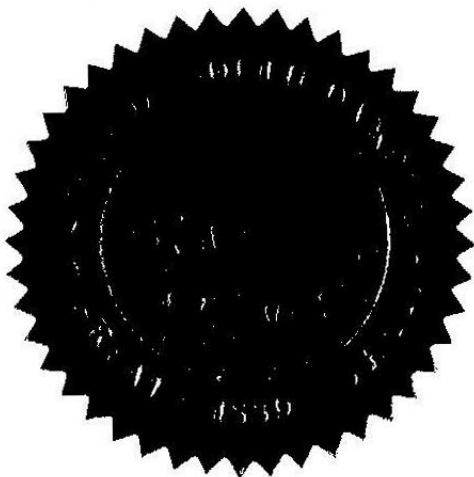
Whereas, Education on disease, medications, treatments, exercise, and support improves management of arthritis for those impacted. Being aware of risk factors and preventive measures may prevent some forms of arthritis; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to support the goals of this observance of South Dakota Arthritis Awareness Day on October 12, 2012:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 12, 2012, as

SOUTH DAKOTA ARTHRITIS AWARENESS DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State